



Ruth Looks to Future Would Own Business

Babe Thinks He May Handle Automobiles During the Approaching Winter.

By BABE RUTH.
50 Home Runs to Date 1921.
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NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—If I don't beat out Harry Heilmann for the batting honors of the American League, I'm going into the automobile business this winter.

That must certainly have had something to do with Heilmann's great year at the bat. Last season he barely hit 300 and landed in twenty-second place. During the winter he became the star salesman for a Detroit auto firm—and look at him today! Batting better than .400 and leading the entire league.

Last week in Detroit I told my business plans to Capt. Edgie Rickenbacker, America's war ace, and he has promised me an option on a certain territory. Rick is a great fellow, and I understand has developed a remarkable motor car, but in spite of every inducement he refused to give me a look last week.

Will Take Chance on Editor.
The editor will probably threaten to fire me for mentioning this. Newspaper writers are not supposed to refer to any particular merchandise. Therefore, I will not give the name of his car. But if anything I may say about Rick himself will in any way repay him for what he did across the pond, I'll take my chance with the editor.

A business of my own is no new idea. Not that I want to quit baseball completely, but I want to be prepared for when the time comes. I have often envied the fellow who could start early for that old "rainy day." Home Run Baker made me do some thinking at St. Louis on our last trip. I was kidding him as he limped into the hotel dining room the day he strained his leg.

When I teased him about "old age" he replied, "Yes, Babe, I am a few years older than you, but own a big farm in Maryland full of horses, cows and chickens. Do you own anything outside of a million dollar motor car?" We were both in a jolly mood, but it made me stop and think. Perhaps a few cows and horses might be a whole lot better than some of the things a ballplayer spends his money for.

Sullivan Looks Ahead.
They say Billy Sullivan, former White Sox catcher, is one of the wealthiest apple growers in Oregon. And he bought his first orchard out of baseball savings. I have no ambitions of turning pears, but Billy Sunday is a fine example, and a man can do when his diamond days are over. And in public life few men have reached such heights as John K. Tener, once a famous ballplayer and later governor of Pennsylvania.

But even with such examples before me, I'll admit it's hard to realize that a fellow can't go on knocking home runs all the rest of his life. Frequently I have been tempted by my chief ambition as a baseball player. I want to hang up a home run record that will never be surpassed. I want to lead the league in batting. I want to drive in the most runs and also score the most runs of any individual player.

Fears Hitting Infielder.
Commenting on these, a Senator in Washington asked me if on the other hand there was anything I feared. I told him yes, I am in fear of hitting a vicious line drive.

A week ago Johnnie Walker, first baseman for the Athletics, was hit on the head by a ball from the bat of White Sox pitcher, and the ball struck him after hitting the ground and yet it put him in the hospital for a week. My drives are surely as powerful if not more deadly than any other hitting in the game.

Many a time I have felt that a certain ball drive would have turned into a fatal line drive and have purposely poled it to one side or the other. Pitchers especially are targets and I don't want to get hit. I don't want to get hit. I don't want to get hit. I don't want to get hit.

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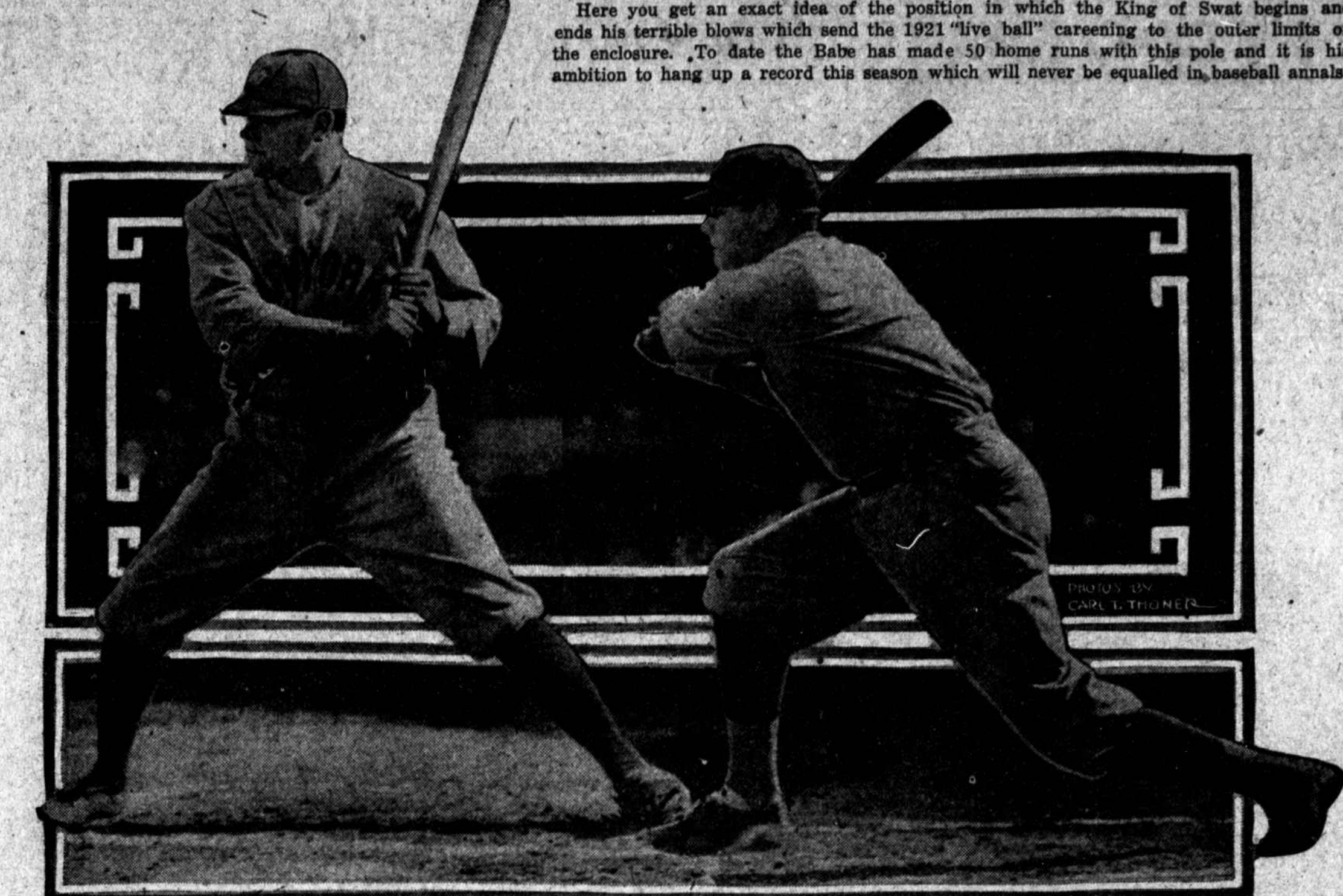
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Babe Ruth As He Started and Ended Blow Which Brought 50th Home Run



Here you get an exact idea of the position in which the King of Swat begins and ends his terrible blows which send the 1921 "live ball" careening to the outer limits of the enclosure. To date the Babe has made 50 home runs with this pole and it is his ambition to hang up a record this season which will never be equalled in baseball annals.

WHAT BABE RUTH DID AT BAT

Total homers, 50.
Total homers of career, 153.
Yankees at Polo Grounds—First inning: Score, Senators, 1; Yankees, 0; Courtney pitching; two out; bases empty; filed to right.
Third inning: Score, Yankees, 2; Senators, 2; none out; Miller on second; Peckinpaugh on first; strike, called; Ruth hit his fiftieth home run in the upper right field grandstand, scoring Miller and Peckinpaugh.
Fourth inning: Score, Yankees, 7; Senators, 2; Schacht pitching; two out; bases empty; ball, high; filed at left.
Seventh inning: Score, Yankees, 8; Senators, 2; Schacht pitching; none out; Peckinpaugh on first; foul ball, low; ball two, high; hit into a double play.
Summary—At bat, 4; 1 run; 1 hit.
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Says He Got Raw Deal.
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